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concluded
68. A method according to claim 67, wherein the alignment layer includes a homeotropic alignment layer.
69. A method according to claim 65, wherein the liquid crystal layer includes a negative dielectric anisotropy liquid crystal.
70. A method according to claim 65, wherein the liquid crystal display device is a multi-domain liquid crystal display device.- -

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**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added new Claims 17-70. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14 and 16-70 are pending in this application. Examination of the claims is respectfully requested.

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